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In re Application of:

Giacomo Stefano ROBA et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
FORMING AN OPTICAL FIBER  
PREFORM BY  
COMBUSTIONLESS  
HYDROLYSIS

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Washington, DC 20231

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated October 23, 2001, please amend the  
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4, and 14, as follows:

1. (Amended) Method for manufacturing a glass preform by depositing an  
aerosol stream of glass particles onto a target, which comprises:

- providing a reaction chamber comprising an inlet and an outlet, wherein an  
inside of the reaction chamber has a temperature gradient such that a temperature  
increases from the inlet to the outlet;

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